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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2464

AMEMBASSY LIMA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 8555

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, OTRA, PE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US OF PERUVIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

REF: LIMA 11047

1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY LIMA'S FURTHER EXPLANATION OF BACKGROUND AND PLANS FOR RICHTER TRIP. NO MATTER HOW THE PROJECT IS ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT IT IS CERTAIN TO BE NOTICED AND CRITICIZED HERE, ESPECIALLY BY THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP. THIS IN ITSELF WOULD NOT LEAD US TO OBJECT TO THE VISIT, BUT IT DOES CAUSE US TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO MINIMIZE THE ALMOST CERTAIN NEGATIVE REACTION. FOR THAT REASON WE ARE SOMEWHAT REASSURED BY THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL CONCERNING THE LOW-KEY NATURE OF THE TRIP, THE INFORMALITY, AND PLANS FOR MINIMUM PUBLICITY. WE HOPE THAT THESE INTENTIONS CAN BE FULFILLED.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE TRIP IS HANDLED SENSIBLY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTAIN AND ACCEPT THE PREDICTED NEGATIVE LOCAL REACTION. IF THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF THE VISIT IN THE CONTEXT OF US/PERU RELATIONS IS AS DESCRIBED BY EMBASSY LIMA, WE CAN LIVE WITH IT HERE.
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